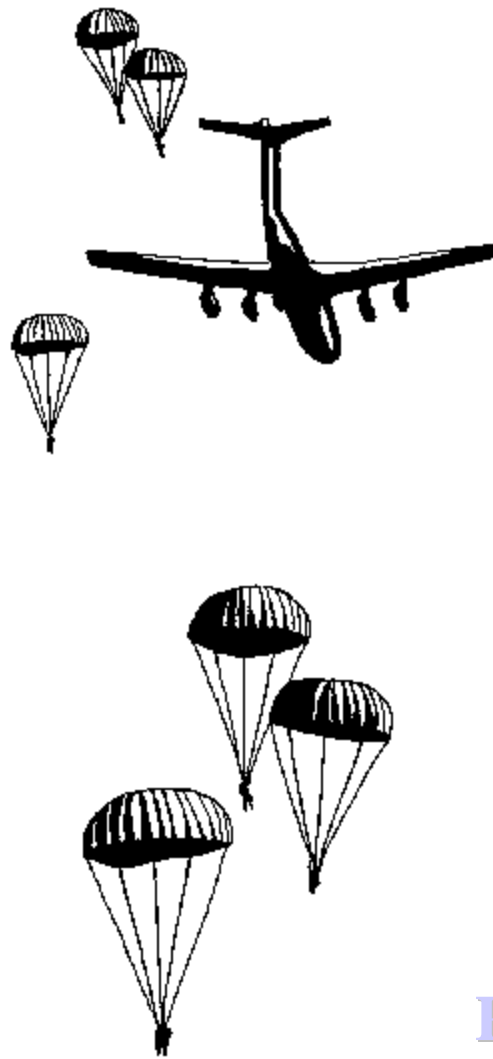


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PRIVATE LANDS INITIATIVE (PLI)

STRATEGIC FORCE...DECISIVE VICTORY

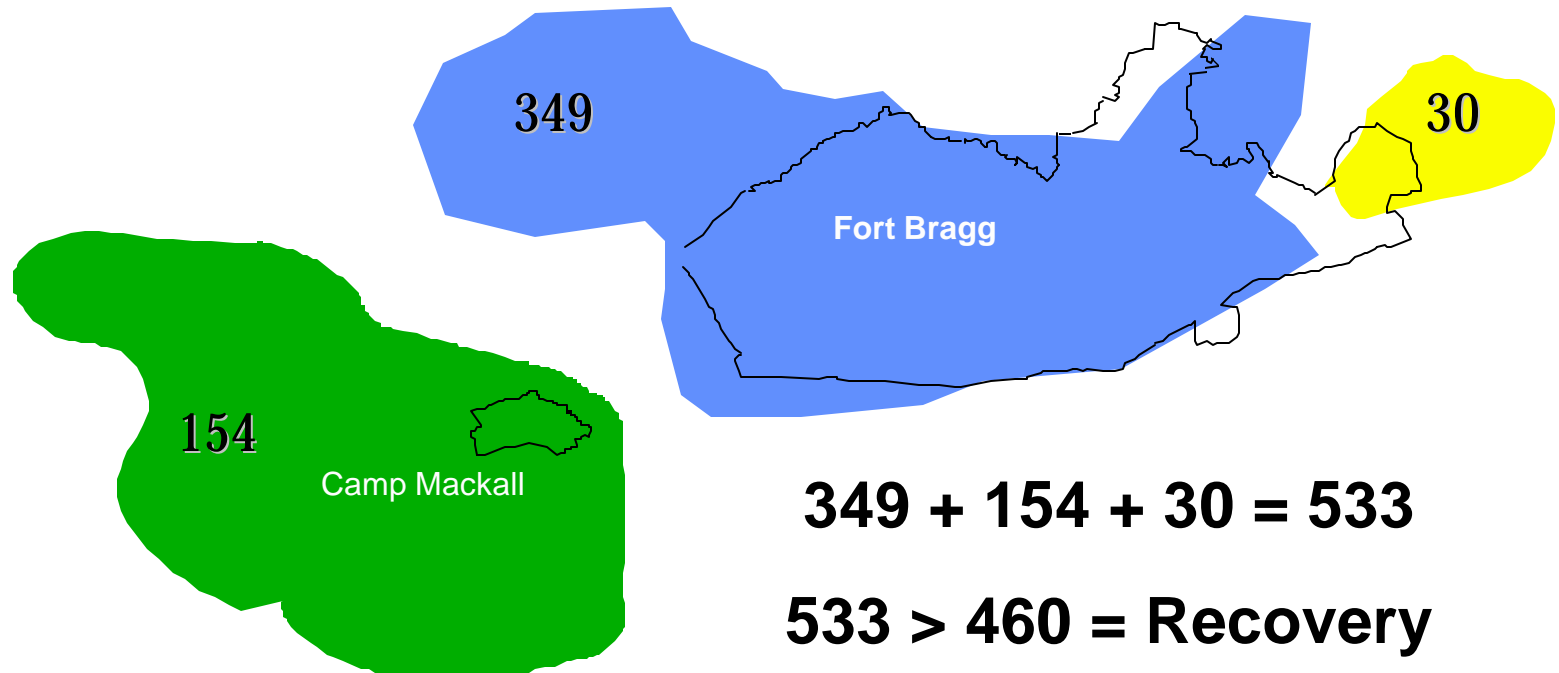
RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER (RCW) ISSUES AT FORT BRAGG (FTB)

- **FTB has restrictions on training due to RCW**
- **Endangered Species Act places RCW recovery responsibilities on FTB**
- **Habitat fragmentation inhibits recovery**
- **RCW habitat degradation is greater on private lands than public**
- **Sandhills RCW recovery = 460 active clusters**

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LINKAGE OF RCW POPULATIONS

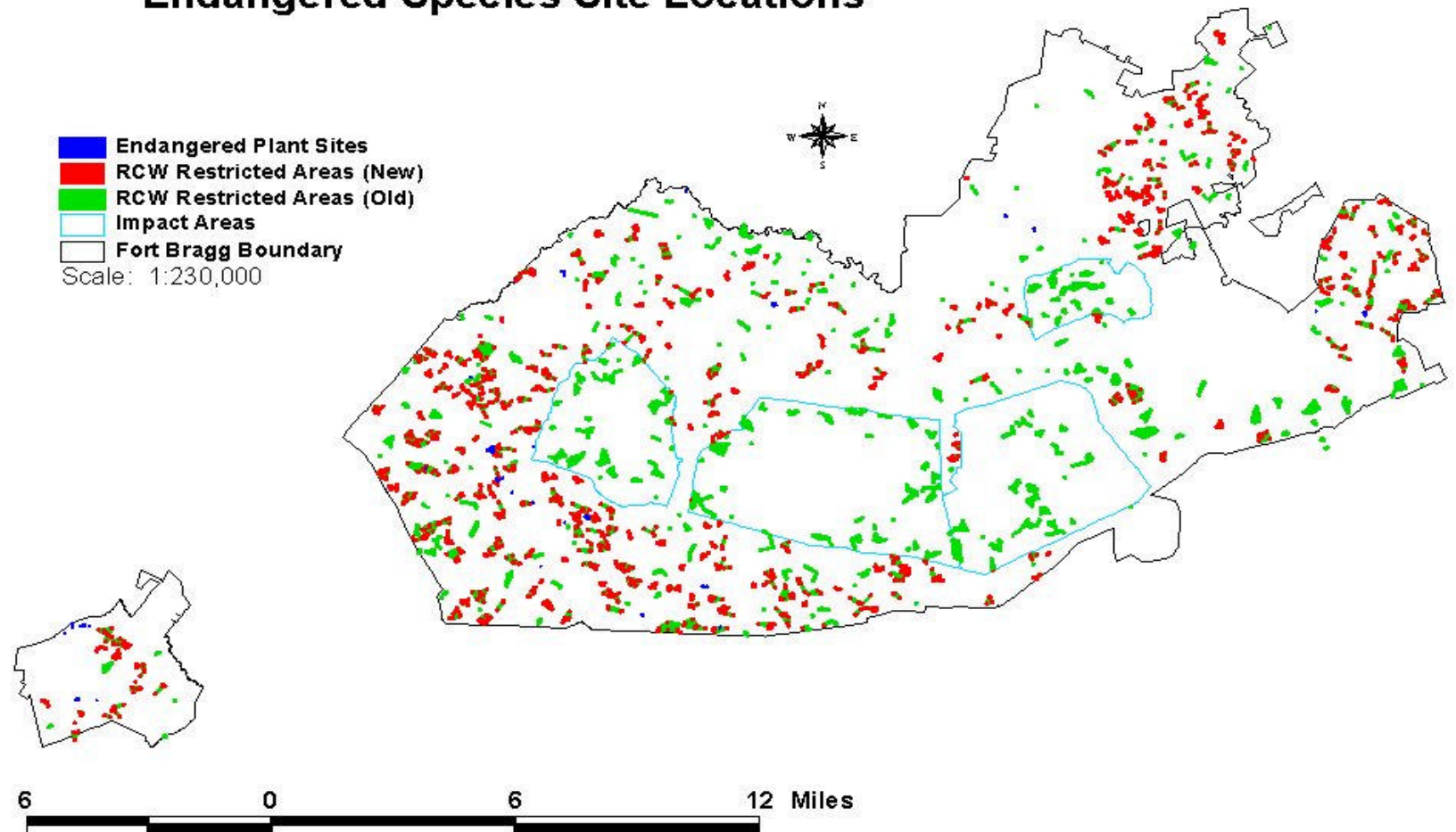
Biologically Link 2 Off-post Sub-populations With Ft Bragg



LINKAGE = RCW recovery = few training restrictions

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Endangered Species Site Locations



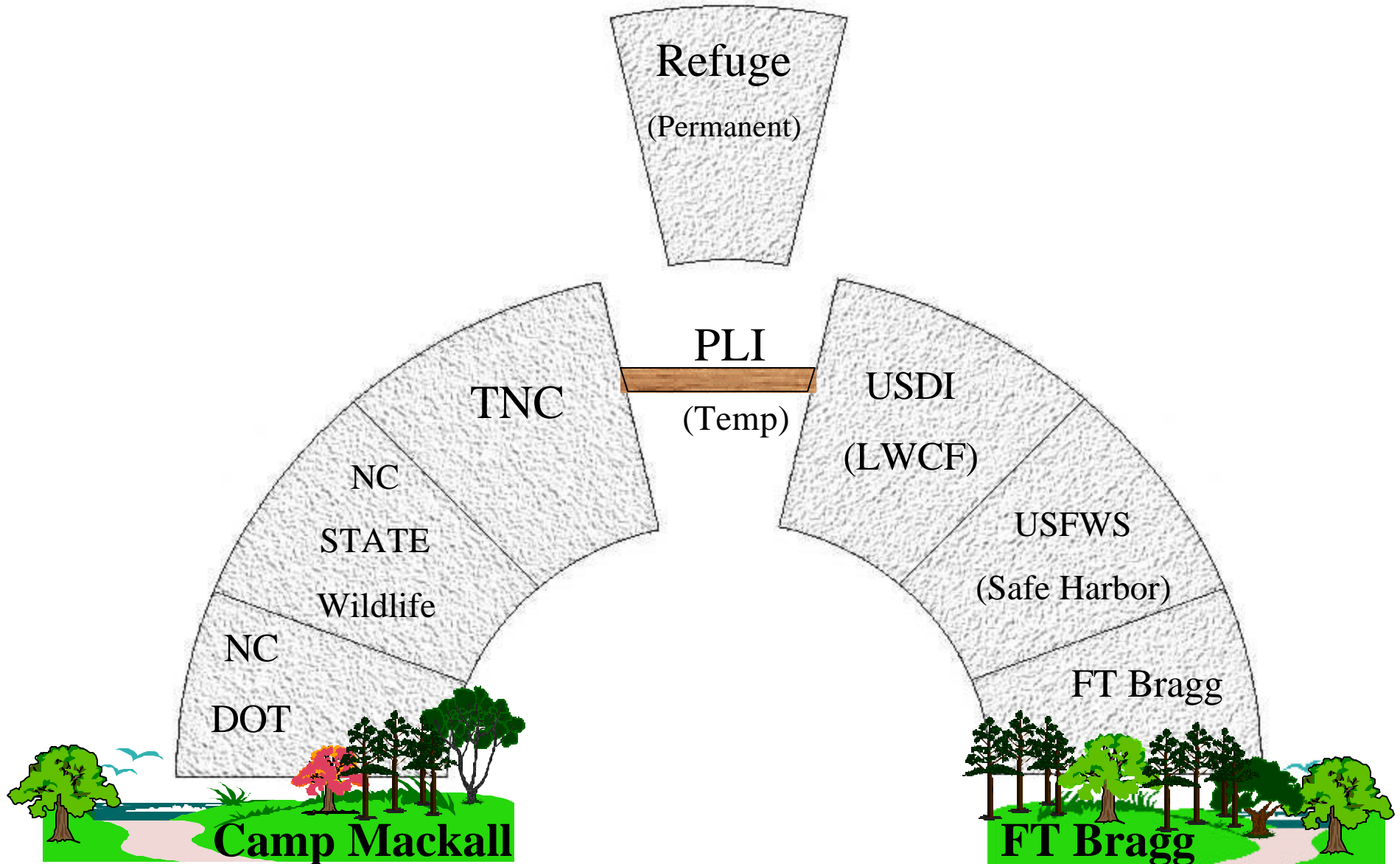
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Partnership between Army Environmental Center (AEC), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) established
- Three parcels acquired totaling 1000 acres
- \$1 million initially provided by Army to TNC as matching funds
- USFWS field station established with Army funding
- North Carolina Sandhills Conservation Partnership established
- Training restrictions reduced

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BRIDGING THE GAP



Bridge = Recovery = Greatly Reduce Training Restrictions

PLI + Refuge = More Training Land

SANDHILLS RCW RECOVERY STRATEGY (LINKAGE COST)

• FUNDING COMMITTED

- \$1.4M Army**
- \$1.6M TNC**
- \$1.25M NC Wildlife
Resource
Commission**
- \$0.07M National Fish &
Wildlife Federation**
- \$0.56M Safe Harbor**
- \$4.88M TOTAL**

• IN-PROGRESS

- \$35M USFWS (LWCF)**
- \$10M Duke Foundation**
- \$4.2M NC Department
Transportation**

• TOTAL = \$49.2M

• Grand Total = \$54



NEXT STEPS

- Acquire/protect lands immediately adjacent to core areas
- Continue negotiations for additional 6,500 acres
- Continue partnerships and expand stakeholder contributions
- Assess public attitudes in Hoke County
- Secure Army match for TNC acquisitions



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SANDHILLS RCW RECOVERY STRATEGY

- **Comments on PLI from US Fish and Wildlife:**
 - **George T. Frampton, JR. (Assistant Secretary, Department of Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks):**
“Without this initiative, we would be forced to reevaluate the appropriateness of the proposed revisions of the Army Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Guidelines and Fort Bragg’s Endangered Species Management Plan.”
 - **Ralph Costa, USFWS:** “It is certainly in Fort Bragg’s best interest, regarding the potential for further relaxation of training restrictions..., to tie all RCW groups in the NC Sandhills into one population.”

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